

ANNA MERKEL.

APRIL 27, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. JENKINS, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 9856.]

The Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred House bill 9856, have had the same under consideration and report the bill back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

The bill authorizes the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to refund and repay to Anna Merkel, or her legal representatives, the sum of \$77.27, being the residue of interest and penalties upon arrearages of general taxes paid by her on lot 300, in square 131, for the fiscal years 1892, 1893, and 1894. The Commissioners, under the law, are powerless to make the payment. There is not the slightest question but that the money should be paid.

The bill was submitted to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and they report as follows:

OFFICE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

Washington, April 15, 1898.

DEAR SIR: The Commissioners have the honor to recommend favorable action upon H. R. 9856, for the relief of Anna Merkel, which was referred to them at your instance, on the 14th instant for their examination and report. The provisions of this bill are in accordance with the suggestions made by the Commissioners in their report of February 4, 1898, to your committee upon a bill having the same title.

Very respectfully,

JOHN W. ROSS,

President Board of Commissioners District of Columbia.

Hon. J. W. BABCOCK,

Chairman Committee on the District of Columbia, House of Representatives.